

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An animal insecticide applicator comprising:
 - a bag for holding a quantity of insecticide, said bag having a top, two sides and a bottom;
 - a rigid tubular support coupled with and extending across the top of said bag;
 - a first tie rope secured to and extending at least partially along a first side of said bag and extending through the length of said tubular support in one direction, a length of said rope hanging free at a second side of said bag for use in hanging said bag from an overhead support;
 - and a second tie rope secured to and extending at least partially along said second side of said bag and passing through the length of said tubular support in the opposite direction of said first tie rope, a length of said second rope hanging free at said first side of said bag for use in hanging said bag from an overhead support.
2. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein each of said tie ropes is stitched to one of the sides of said bag.
3. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said first and second tie ropes comprise one continuous length of rope which includes a length extending across said bag at the point where said first and second ropes are joined to the sides of the bag.
4. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said bag includes a coupler along one side for joining said bag to another bag in side by side relationship.
5. (Original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said bag includes a plurality of straps along the top of the bag through which said rigid tubular member is inserted.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a dust bag for the application of insecticide to animals, utilizing an overhead structure said method comprising:
providing a bag for holding a quantity of insecticide in powder form;
securing a first tie rope to one side of said bag;
securing a second tie rope to the other side of said bag;
providing a tubular support extending substantially across the top of said bag;
coupling said bag to said tubular support;
passing said first tie rope through the length of said tubular support in one direction and leaving a length of said first rope extending from the end of said support;
passing said second tie rope through the length of said tubular support in the opposite direction and leaving a length of said second rope extending from the opposite end of said support; utilizing said lengths of said first and second tie ropes which extend from the ends of said support to having said bag from said overhead structure.
7. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 6, wherein ~~within~~ said first and second tie ropes are one continuous length of rope and including the step of securing that portion of said rope extending between said sides to said bag.
8. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 7, wherein ~~within~~ said securing steps comprise sewing said tie ropes to said bag.
9. (Currently Amended) A method as set forth in claim 7, wherein ~~within~~ is included the step of joining said bag to a second identical bag in side by side relationship.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the final rejection is solicited. The Honorable Examiner has not given full consideration to the limitations in the present claims which clearly distinguish the invention over the cited art. The claims have been amended solely to clarify that the tie ropes extend